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Senate Bill _____
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House No. HB1232
By Miller

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, relative to school violence.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) The commissioner of education is hereby authorized to establish a pilot demonstration project to evaluate the effectiveness of student peer mediation training as a tool to alleviate violence in public schools. The project shall be conducted in four (4) schools to be selected within the Memphis city school system.

(b) The pilot project shall incorporate lectures, open discussions, videotapes, and role playing. Students shall be instructed on the use of peer mediation to resolve conflicts in their schools with the support of teachers and staff.

(c) Teachers and administrators shall receive additional training on implementation of peer mediation techniques on a continuing basis.

(d) Funding for the pilot demonstration project shall be subject to appropriations available for such purpose within the general appropriations bill.

(e) On or before January 1, 1997, the commissioner shall report, to the governor and to each member of the general assembly, concerning findings and recommendations relative to the pilot demonstration project.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1995, the public welfare requiring it.

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